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## ADDRESS OF JUDGE SLOANE, On the Life and Character of General Grant.

(CONCLUDED.)

GRANT IS PRE-EMINENTLY A PRO-

VIDENT MAN.

Of all the men who stood forth prominently during the war, Grant was the most prominent. There was no political ambition in him. He showed no disposition to usurp the powers and functions of other officers of the Government. He went straight on in the faithful performance of the duties of his own office. Let me give you an example. We have seen that at the very commencement of the war, he believed that one of its consequences would be, and should be, the abolition of slavery.

But he did not issue a proclamation to announce this opinion. That was a measure, and Grant, it is evident, held the same opinion that they did, but he had the good sense to see that it was not his right to proclaim it, but that it belonged to the President to do so, and the President had the good sense to see that the people of the North were not prepared for such a measure, and probably would not sustain it. He accordingly, "modified" Fremont and Hunter, and after a time these two proclaiming gentlemen, on craving of a little notoriety, disappeared from the scene entirely. At no time during the war did Grant undertake to thrust his own opinions on official subjects upon the country.

Not since the war has he become a dabbler in politics. Possessing a high command in the army, and liable at any time to be called upon, in his military capacity, to enforce the laws of Congress, he has perceived how grossly improper it would be for him to give notice to the country his opinion as to the policy or constitutionality of the laws, either passed or proposed. He has preserved a discreet silence. And this silence, by which he has merited the praise of all sensible men, has brought upon him the distinction of all the little scribbling Paul Pry's who, for years, have been flitting around him in the vain hope of getting him to say something on which to found a political letter, and who have found themselves constantly repulsed with a good-natured contempt.

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## he crushed out the rebellion. Do you remember a parallel incident in history? "Will you undertake the defense of the Tulleries?" said Barras to Napoleon. "Yes, and I am in the habit of accomplishing that which I undertake, but I must not be interfered with by orders from the Government," was the self-confident reply of the young, and then obscure officer. But in his case, as in Grant's, subsequent success justified the self-confidence; but in the weak, whose achievements do not answer to the expectations their self-confidence awakens, it is called vanity and presumption.

GRANT IS A SHERWOOD OBSERVER, A MAN OF GREAT QUICKNESS OF PERCEPTION, AND PROMPT ACTION.

Take an instance or two: In one of the battles near the City of Mexico, while the regiment in which Grant served as a lieutenant was, with others, attacking a strong barrier of the enemy in front, Grant perceived that his superior officers did not, that by means of a movement to the left the flank of the enemy could be easily turned and the attack rendered much more efficient. Acting promptly upon the idea, and on his own responsibility, he made, with the men under his immediate command, a movement to the left, and opening fire on the right flank of the enemy, soon drove them from their position, and—strange to say—though an officer of humble grade, he got due credit for his adroit and successful movement.</